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SUBJECT: SIMON VISIT

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1. SEPTEL COMMENTS ON WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM GOC IN RETURN FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT.

2. ASSUMING THAT SECRETARY COMES, EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF POINTS IN ORDER TO MAKE PREPARATIONS.

A) WHAT IS EXACT SCHEDULE? GOC FONMINISTRY ALREADY MISTAKENLY STATED SECRETARY SIMON WOULD ARRIVE THURSDAY MAY 6, RATHER THAN REFTEL'S FRIDAY, MAY 7.

B) WHAT DO WE SAY ABOUT THE TRIP? PARA TWO REFTEL IS SKIMPY (I.E., SECRETARY TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO CAUAS' ECONOMIC PROGRAM), AND COULD BE OFFENSIVE TO CHILEANS (I.E., SECRETARY TO OFFER HELP IN ANALYZING GOC FINANCIAL PLAN -- GOC HAS MANY WELL QUALIFIED ECONOMIC POLICY MAKERS). WHAT IS OUR PUBLIC RATIONALE? WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MANY QUESTIONS, AND EXTENSIVE CHILEAN PRESS COVERAGE WILL RAISE MORE.

C) WHO IN GOC HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TREASURY ON SECRETARY SIMON'S SCHEDULE?

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D) WHO IS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY? MRS. SIMON? AMBASSADOR

POPPER?

E) WHO WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY ON HIS CALLS, AND DO OTHERS
WANT SEPARATE PROGRAMS ARRANGED?

F) WILL THE JOINT SIMON-CAUAS PRESS CONFERENCE BE OURS
OR THEIRS?

G) WILL THE SECRETARY BRING AN INTERPRETER AND HIS OWN
PRESS PEOPLE?

3. CHARGE IS HAVING BREAKFAST WITH MINISTER CAUAS TOMORROW
(MAY 5). IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE ANSWERS ON MOST
OR ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE THEN.
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